

# *Proclamation*

As the first American to capture a gold medal in the decathlon since 1996, Bryan Clay has earned the right to be known as the “world’s greatest athlete.” His convincing win, with a score of 8,791 – 240 points ahead of his nearest rival – solidified that distinction.

His impressive throws of the discus, shot put and javelin, as well as strong showings in the track events, have secured his place in Olympic history.

Winning an Olympic gold medal has put Bryan in the national spotlight, and this achievement, along with the silver medal from the 2004 games and the numerous awards he has earned throughout his career, are a testament to his athletic prowess. But none of that would matter without the honor, grace, good sportsmanship and heart he has demonstrated in pursuit of that goal.

We understand that Bryan’s faith is an important facet of his success, and has helped him to persevere and maintain a solid work ethic. By showing what can be accomplished with hard work, focused training and determination, Bryan has become an exemplary role model for the next generation of athletes.

His efforts to help youth through the Bryan Clay Foundation demonstrate that he is a champion off the field, as well as on. The foundation allows Hawai‘i students to pursue their dreams by providing scholarships to those in need.

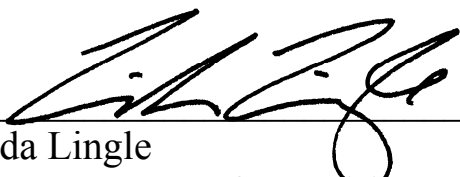
As a kama‘āina and Castle High graduate, Bryan does our state proud. We wish him continued success as he sets his sights on London in 2012.

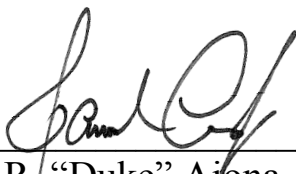
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim **August 29, 2008** as

## **BRYAN CLAY DAY**

in Hawai‘i, and thank him for his service to Hawai‘i’s youth and for being an admirable example to others.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this twenty-first day of August 2008.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai‘i

  
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James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai‘i